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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/3/09.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14 and 17-24 renumbered 1-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a several telephone interviews with Ms. Temnit Afework on Feb 12, 2009 and Feb 18, 2009.

3. Claims 14 have been amended as follows:

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The method as claimed in claim 13,~~ A method for setting up a communication link from a first telecommunication device to a second telecommunication device via a telecommunication network, comprising:

storing at least one multimedia object in the second telecommunication device, each multimedia object having a corresponding reference number;

specifying an allocation map, having at least one data record, each indicating allocation of a specific call recipient to a specific reference number of a specific multimedia object;

sending a connection setup request from the first telecommunication device allocated to a first telecommunication user to the telecommunication network, which request indicates that a communication link is to be set up from the first telecommunication device to the second telecommunication device allocated to a second telecommunication user;

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determining the corresponding reference number for the first telecommunication user when communicating with the second telecommunication user, using the allocation map, said determining being performed in the first telecommunication device or in the telecommunication network;

transmitting a call signal to the second telecommunication device, together with display information that is a function of the corresponding reference number; and

playing by the second telecommunication device a corresponding multimedia object, included in the at least one multimedia object stored in the second telecommunication device and matching the corresponding reference number, based on the display information,

wherein the allocation map is stored ~~said determining is performed~~ in the first telecommunication device or the telecommunication network,

~~further comprising:~~

when said determining is performed in the first telecommunication device ~~storing the allocation map in the first telecommunication device; and transmitting, by the first telecommunication device to the telecommunication network, the corresponding reference number of the corresponding multimedia object for the second telecommunication user when communicating with the second telecommunication user, and wherein said transmitting of the display information includes the telecommunication network sending the display information that is a function of the corresponding reference number to the second telecommunication device, and~~

said determining provides, in the event of a call recipient being selected for whom there is no data record in the allocation map, a predefined reference number of a predefined multimedia object.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim ~~43~~ 14, further comprising storing a plurality of multimedia objects allocated to the first telecommunication user in the telecommunication network with respective reference numbers.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A telecommunication system, comprising:
first and second telecommunication devices connected via a telecommunication network, the first telecommunication device setting up a communication link to the second telecommunication device via the telecommunication network using a method in accordance with ~~any one of claims 13 to 23~~ claim 14.

4. Claims 13 and 15-16 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUNG-HOANG J. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)270-1949. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, 8:30AM - 5:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 571 272 7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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